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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVE ON MARINE OIL POLLUTION:

ADMIRAL WALLACE MOSCOW VISIT SUMMARY

REF: STATE 103635

1. U.S. MARINE POLLUTION DELEGATION DEPARTED MOSCOW JUNE 4
AFTER HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF
MERCHANT MARINE A.S. KOLESNICHNEKO AND MORFLOT REPRESENTATIVES.
DURING FULL DAY OF MEETINGS JUNE 3 DELEGATION SUCCESSFULLY
IMPRESSED ON SOVIETS THAT THE MAGNUSON BILL AND THE PRESIDENT'S
TANKER POLLUTION PREVENTION INITIATIVE ARE FLEXIBLE AND
DESIGNED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE CONCERNS OF THE INTER-
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NATIONAL SHIPPING COMMUNITY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO U.S. EXPOSE, KOLESNICHENKO NOTED THAT THE
SOVIET UNION SHARES U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT OIL TANKER SAFETY AND
POLLUTION AND APPROVES U.S. APPROACH TO RESOLUTION OF THESE
MATTERS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION AND
COOPERATION RATHER THAN UNILATERAL ACTION. HE NOTED THAT THE

SOVIET UNION IS ALREADY EXTENSIVELY INVOLVED IN DOUBLE-BOTTOM HULL CONSTRUCTION, INERT GAS SYSTEMS AND SEGREGATED BALLAST FOR NEW TANKER CONSTRUCTION.

3. WHILE SOVIETS READILY UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. POSITION, IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE NOW WHAT THEIR ATTITUDE WILL BE AT THE FORTHCOMING IMCO MEETINGS. AFTER ONLY BRIEF ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE DETAILS OF THE U.S PROPOSALS, THE SOVIETS HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE RATIONALE FOR STARTING RADICALLY IMPROVED TANKER CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT STANDARDS AT 20 THOUSAND DEAD WEIGHT TONS RATHER THAN SOME HIGHER FIGURES AND THE UTILITY AND SAFETY OF INERT GAS SYSTEMS FOR ALL TANKER CONSTRUCTION. THEY HAVE ALSO DRAWN A POSSIBLE DISTINCTION BETWEEN IMPROVED SAFETY DESIGN FOR PRODUCT TANKERS VIS-A-VIS CRUDE TRANSPORT TANKERS.

4. DELEGATION PLANS TO CABLE DETAILED REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS FROM TOKYO.

5. COMMENT-THE DISCUSSIONS WERE FRIENDLY, FRANK AND POSITIVE THROUGHOUT. THE DELEGATION VISIT CLEARLY MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO INCREASING SOVIET UNDERSTANDING OF THIS COMPLICATED AND POTENTIALLY HIGHLY SENSITIVE ISSUE, THEREBY MAKING MORE LIKELY A COOPERATIVE SOVIET POSUTRE DURING FORTHCOMING IMCO CONSULTATIONS. END COMMENT
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